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Friday, March 5, 2021
11 A.M. Teams

1.0 Call to order – 11:00 a.m.

Present: Rebecca Powell, Kalyn Lamey, Ken Zantow, Jamie Stanfield, Damon Franke, Bridgette Davis, Whitney Martin, Lin Agler, Patsy Anderson, Jamie Stanfield, Jerry Bass, Patrick Biber

2.0 Approval of the agenda

Motion by Kalyn Lamey, Second by Kenneth Zantow

3.0 Program: none

4.0 Officer reports

4.1 Secretary (Justin Easterday) Minutes and Aquila- Was not present, the minutes and the report on Aquila will be discussed during the next meeting.

5.0 Old business

5.1. Program Review

Topic: Program review will occur in the next 1 or 2 months. This might affect Gulf Park campus with current Re-Organization plans. Currently, faculty will be thinking about this as program review gets closer and discuss information they may learn about how program reviews will occur with the Re-Organization plans.

5.2 Faculty Senate Report: Kalyn Lamey

An open invitation was sent to President Bennett and Provost Moser to attend any/all meetings. So far, Provost Moser has attended some meetings. Work is continuing on the Faculty Handbook and any COVID-19 concerns.

5.3 Academic Council Representative Report: No Report

6.0 New business

6.1 Future of the GCFC

How do we imagine the GCFC with Re-Organization:

Kalyn Lamey mentioned that there is still a need to try and make GCFC an official advisory body because the Gulf Park faculty need to have their voice heard. Lin Agler brought up the suggestion about seeking the Faculty Senate's support to help make the GCFC an official body. Some clarity is needed about the direction of schools and programs on the Coast. At this time, some schools are not preparing proposals to stay actively teaching on the Coast. With the Re-Organization, the Gulf Coast will have more autonomy, which can make the GCFC a stronger body. Patsy Anderson suggested GCFC becomes a standing committee of the Faculty Senate, but someone mentioned that there is already a Gulf Coast Faculty Senate subcommittee. Ken Zantow mentioned he believes people can be on a Faculty Senate Committee without being on Faculty Senate and we should invite Dr. Shannon Campbell, Vice President of Coastal Operations to discuss our vision.

Rebecca Powell mentioned that if any changes were to take place, we will need to rewrite our bylaws. Following the Constitution: "The Council shall provide for the Gulf Coast faculty both a forum and a voice and so allow it to assert for the general welfare of the USM Gulf Coast campuses and the University-at-large" *Section 102 Bylaws*: "Faculty advisory committee to the leadership structure of the Gulf Coast campuses." With the Re-Organization, we also may need to revise the Elections section because some faculty/schools may move to Hattiesburg or go fully online.

A group decision was made to have Rebecca Powell introduce/meet and discuss the future of GCFC with Dr. Shannon Campbell, Vice President of Coastal Operations. The goal would be to have the GCFC become an official body and have a specific role and responsibilities.

7.0 Next meeting: Friday, April 16, 2021, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Teams

8.0 Announcements

9.0 Adjourn

- Submitted for Approval: April 1st, 2021
- Received Approval:

Jamie Stanfield
GCFC Secretary-Elect